

## Kaplan renovating St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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Brookline, MA Kaplan Construction is renovating St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Serving as construction manager, Kaplan will oversee interior and exterior renovations to the existing church, including reconstructing the children's education space to accommodate additional Sunday School and youth programming.

Designed by the architectural team of studioMLA and David King Architects most of the project involves the transformation of 2,500 s/f located on the lower level of the Parish Hall. The reconfigured space will include the addition of new bathrooms, multiple classrooms equipped with kitchenettes, and a dedicated office for child care staff.

Additional project team members include Garcia, Galuska & DeSousa for MEP engineering and Roome & Guarracino for structural engineering.

David King Architects helped to develop the exterior in a manner that was complementary to the original building, and studioMLA's interiors team integrated fun light fixtures, colorful accent walls, and new flooring to modernize the space while protecting its historic character.

Exterior improvements include creating an outdoor play area, garden terraces, and a new storm water management system. Providing direct access to a new outdoor play area, studioMLA's landscape architecture group designed a separate entrance for the lower level and a new paved pathway that connects the vestibule with a classroom. New, larger windows will be installed in the lower level to welcome more natural light. Improvements to other areas of the Church and Parish Hall include a new accessible ramp per ADA standards, mechanical system upgrades throughout all offices, and new finishes to rejuvenate the building.

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